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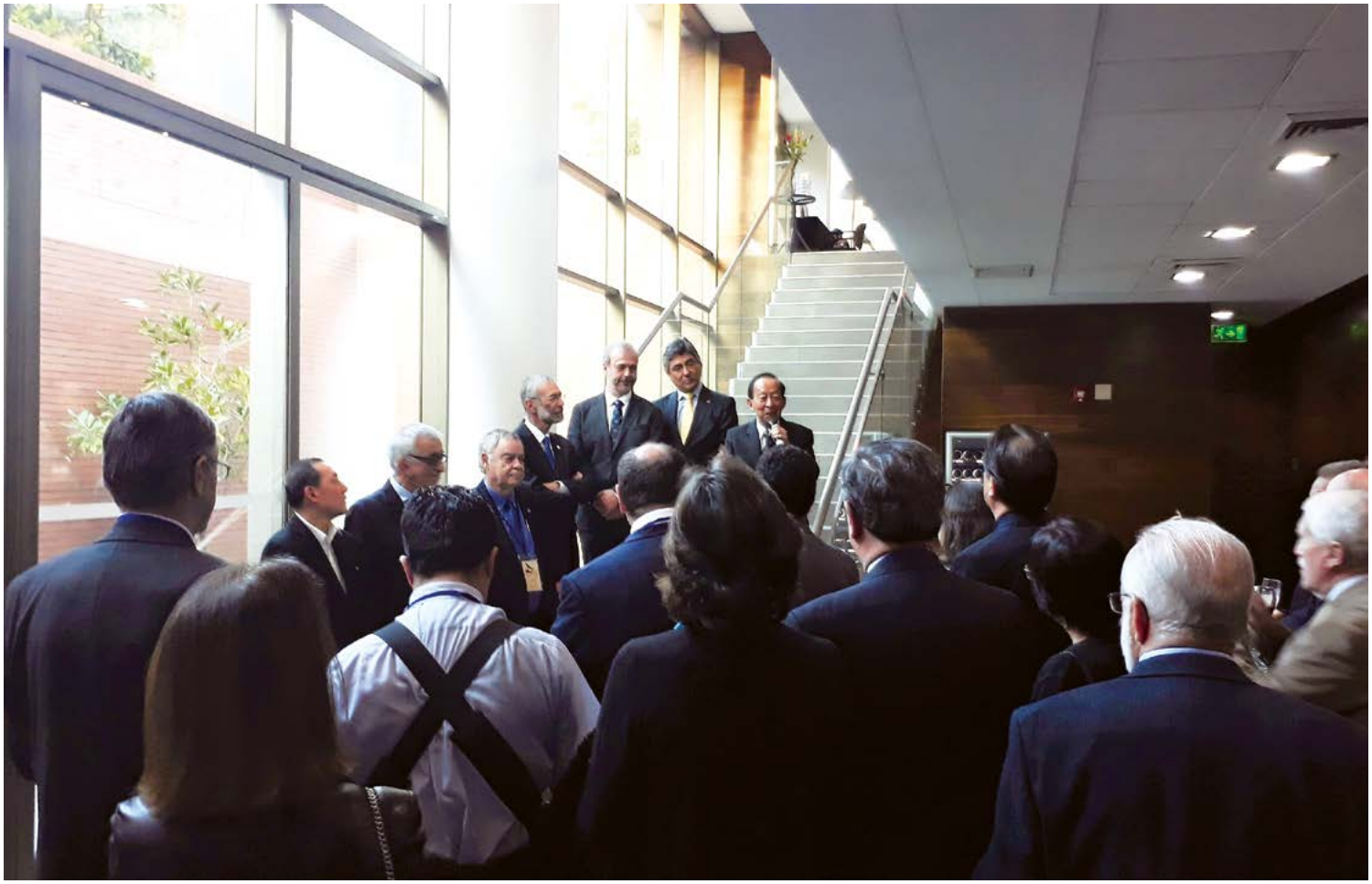

FIP COCKTAIL RECEPTION FOR FIAF DELEGATES OCTOBER 2018

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Unique cover 24 Skilling Banco with Danish Lübeck cancellation "3"

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La Guaira, newly discovered rarity LG 3+4

The Papal States, unused in the first rare shade

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Tay Peng Hian, AMN
President, FIP

Much work had been done over the past few months, since the last FIP World Stamp Exhibition in Jerusalem in May:

FIP Board meetings:

1. The 118th FIP Board meeting was held in Prague on August 20, 2018 during PRAGA 2018.

2. The FIP Board held its 119th Board meeting on October 11, 2018 in Santiago, Chile, as invited by the Chilean Philatelic Federation, in conjunction with EXFIL2018. The Board also took the opportunity to meet up with all FIAF member federations on October 11 evening and October 13 morning for sharing of ideas.

FIP SPONSORSHIP SCHEME FOR REGIONAL EXHIBITIONS 2018:
The two recipients of FIP US$5,000 sponsorship, as approved by the FIP Board, were announced on August 18, 2018, during the Palmares Night of PRAGA 2018 Specialised World Stamp Exhibition:

1. **EXFIL2018** (October 9-13, 2018) - organised by the Chilean Philatelic Federation in Santiago, Chile.

2. **ALPE-JADRAN FILA 2018 VARAŽDIN** (October 18-21, 2018) - organised by the Croatian Federation of Philatelists in Varaždin, Croatia.

The FIP Board looks forward to the applications to be submitted by member federations for 2019 regional exhibitions, for the Board's consideration, before December 31, 2018.

FIP JURY ACADEMY:
The next FIP Jury Academy with 34 registered trainees would be held in Bangkok, after THAILAND 2018 General World Stamp Exhibition, from December 4-6, 2018.

PRAGA 2018
PRAGA 2018 FIP Specialised World Stamp Exhibition under FIP Patronage was held successfully from August 15 – 18, 2018, in Prague. I would like to congratulate the organizing committee for this very successful show, it was heartening to see daily queues of visitors paying to visit the exhibition!

THAILAND 2018
Upcoming this month is THAILAND 2018 General World Stamp Exhibition (November 28 – December 3), during which the 75th FIP Congress shall also be held on December 2. There would also be many Seminars to be held during the Commissions Meetings on November 30 and December 1, 2018.

As this is my last President's message before the end of my second term as FIP President, I would hereby like to express my deepest appreciation to the current FIP Board of Directors namely Messrs Bernard Jimenez, Bernard Beston, Reinaldo Macedo, Prakob Chirakiti, Yigal Nathaniel and Aldo Samamé y Samamé who have all been working harmoniously as a team. I would also like to thank all past FIP Board of Directors whom I had the honour to work with over the past two terms:

Mr Surajit Gongvatana (Thailand)
Dr Peter McCann (USA)
Mr Fernando Aranaz (Spain)
Mr Jussi Tuori (Finland)
Mr Paulo. R. Comelli (Paraguay) (deceased)
Mrs Dila Eaton (Paraguay)

FIP Secretary General: Mrs Andrée Trommer-Schiltz (Luxembourg)
FIP Assistant Secretary General Ms Kelly Ong (Singapore)

Se ha trabajado mucho en los últimos meses, desde la Exposición Mundial FIP en Jerusalén en mayo:

REUNIONES DEL CONSEJO DIRECTIVO FIP

1. La 118º reunión del Consejo Directivo FIP se celebró en Praga el 20 de agosto de 2018 durante el PRAGA 2018.

2. El Consejo Directivo FIP celebró su 119º reunión el 11 de octubre de 2018 en Santiago de Chile, invitados por la Federación Filatélica de Chile, junto con EXFIL 2018. El Consejo Directivo también aprovechó la oportunidad para reunirse con todas las federaciones miembros de la FIAF el 11 de octubre por la tarde y el 13 de octubre por la mañana para compartir ideas.

ESQUEMA DE PATROCINIO FIP PARA EXPOSICIONES REGIONALES 2018
Los dos beneficiarios del Patrocinio de la FIP por US $ 5.000, según lo aprobó el Consejo Directivo FIP, se anunciaron el 18 de agosto de 2018, durante la Cena de Palmarés de la Exposición Mundial Especializada PRAGA 2018:

1. **EXFIL2018** (Octubre 9-13, 2018) – organizada por la Federación Filatélica de Chile en Santiago, Chile.

2. **ALPE-JADRAN FILA 2018 VARAŽDIN** (Octubre 18-21, 2018) – organizada por la Federación de Filatelistas de Croacia en Varaždin, Croacia.

El Consejo Directivo FIP espera, para su consideración y antes del 31 de diciembre de 2018, las solicitudes que presenten las federaciones miembros para las exposiciones regionales del 2019.

ACADEMIA DE JURADOS FIP
La próxima Academia de Jurados FIP, con 34 aprendices inscritos, se llevará a cabo en Bangkok, luego de la Exposición Mundial de Filatelia FIP THAILAND 2018, del 4 al 6 de diciembre 2018.

PRAGA 2018
La Exposición Mundial Especializada PRAGA 2018, bajo el Patrocinio FIP, se llevó a cabo con éxito del 15 al 18 de Agosto 2018, en Praga. Quiero felicitar al Comité Organizador por esta exitosa exposición, fue alentador ver las colas diarias de visitantes que pagaban por visitar la exposición!

THAILAND 2018
Este mes se celebrará la Exposición Mundial de Filatelia THAILAND 2018 (del 28 de noviembre al 3 de diciembre), durante la cual también se celebrará el 75º Congreso FIP el 2 de diciembre. También habrán varios Seminarios que se realizarán durante las reuniones de las Comisiones el 30 de noviembre y 1 de diciembre 2018.

Como este es mi último Mensaje del Presidente antes del fin de mi segundo período como Presidente FIP, quiero expresar mis más profundo agradecimiento al actual Consejo Directivo FIP, a saber, Sres. Bernard Jimenez, Bernard Beston, Reinaldo Macedo, Prakob Chirakiti, Yigal Nathaniel and Aldo Samamé y Samamé que han estado trabajando armoniosamente como un equipo. También me gustaría agradecer a todos los antiguos miembros del Consejo Directivo FIP con los que tuve el honor de trabajar durante los dos últimos períodos:

Sr. Surajit Gongvatana (Tailandia)
Dr. Peter McCann (USA)
Sr. Fernando Aranaz (España)
Sr. Jussi Tuori (Finlandia)
Sr Paulo. R. Comelli (Paraguay) (fallecido)
Sra. Dila Eaton (Paraguay)

Secretaria General FIP, Sra. Andrée Trommer-Schiltz (Luxemburgo)
Asistente de la Secretaria General FIP, Srta. Kelly Ong (Singapur)

Tay Peng Hian, AMN
President, FIP

Editorial

Dear readers,

We hope you enjoyed the last issue of FLASH.

The FIP mailing list is constantly being updated and we welcome exhibitors, dealers, Commissioners and Jurors to write in to the FIP Secretariat if you have not received your issue or if you wish to update your mailing details.

FIP accredited jurors who would like to be placed in the invite list for the upcoming FIP Jury Academy Trainings in 2019 are also reminded to write in to the FIP Secretariat, as seats are limited.

It has been a great year of team work and projects implemented by the FIP Board of Directors and we look forward to hearing more ideas and feedback from the FIP family.

Enjoy reading and see everyone in Bangkok!

Dr Prakob Chirakiti
Co-editor with Director Aldo Samamé y Samamé

Highlights of the 118th FIP Board of Directors Meeting in Clarion Congress Hotel, Prague, on August 20, 2018

The FIP Board of Directors in Clarion Congress Hotel, Prague, before the 118th FIP Board meeting.

FINANCES

For January to June 2018, President Tay reported that FIP had a revenue of 217,000 CHF, excluding 44,900 CHF paper gain from investments.

COMMISSIONS

Aerophilately Commission
Due to the demise of Aerophilately Chairman Mr Ross Wood in early 2018, the current secretary Mr Norman Banfield has been appointed by the Board to become the Acting Chairman until the next Commissions elections in 2020. It was also approved by the Board members that Mr Michael Lin Mao-Hsin from Chinese Taipei, who was the current bureau member, be appointed the Acting Secretary of the Commission.

EXHIBITIONS

PRAGA 2018

The Board members approved unanimously the following jury apprentices of PRAGA 2018:

NAME	COUNTRY	CLASS
Yan Wiriadi Jodana	Indonesia	Traditional (Asia)
Walter Kaltwasser	Chile	Traditional (Europe)
Kim Young Kil	Korea	Postal History (Asia)
Jose P. Gomez Aguero	Spain	Postal History (Europe)

The approved jurors for Cross Accreditation were: Jiri Sedlak from Czech Republic for Literature Class and Danforth Walker from USA for Traditional (America) Class.

THAILAND 2018

Director Chirakiti updated that the selection and acceptance of exhibits were almost finalised, and the exhibition would have a maximum of 2,600 frames. The Palmares night would be held on December 2 night, after the 75th FIP Congress. On December 3, the Feedback Session would be held in the morning and at 3pm there would be a Ceremony for H.R.H Princess Maha Chakri Sirindorn to award a congratulatory note for the 3 Grand Prix winners.

CHINA 2019 FIP GENERAL WORLD STAMP EXHIBITION

Date: June 11 -17, 2019

Venue: Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China

Competitive Classes: FIP Championship Class, Traditional Philately, Postal History, Postal Stationery, Aerophilately, Astrophilately, Thematic, Maximaphily, Revenue, Modern Philately, Open Philately, Picture Postcards (Experimental), Youth Philately, One Frame Exhibits and Philatelic Literature.

Frames: 2,500 frames

CHINA 2019 letter of invitation to nominate National Commissioners and Jurors will be issued on the first week of November 2018. All Commissioners are advised to fly direct to Wuhan City. When this is not possible, then please make a transit via Hong Kong, Singapore or Bangkok which have direct connection to Wuhan City. The China customs checkpoint for CHINA 2019 exhibits is in Wuhan City only.

Highlights of the 119th FIP Board of Directors Meeting in Presidente Suites, Santiago, Chile on October 11, 2018

FIP JURY ACADEMY

A total of 34 trainees would be participating in the FIP Jury Academy in Bangkok in two classes of 17 each, from December 4-6, 2018, right after the THAILAND 2018 General World Stamp Exhibition. The trainers were Peter McCann (USA), Peter Suhadolc (Slovenia), Charles Verge (Canada) and Lars Peter Svendsen (Denmark), FIP Vice-President Bernard Beston (Australia) and Lars Engelbrecht (Denmark) shall be the moderator for each class respectively.

EXHIBITIONS

During MACAO 2018, the 35th FIAP International Stamp Exhibition held from September 21-24, 2018, the Universal Postal Union (UPU) also held a one-day Philatelic Conference on e-Philately on September 22 at the Venetian Macao Conference & Exhibition Centre. FIP Vice-President Bernard Beston delivered a paper and it was a very positive exercise and exposed the FIP to many Postal Administrations.

FIP Vice-President Bernard Beston giving a presentation at the UPU Philatelic Conference in MACAO 2018. (Photo Courtesy of David Figg)

IBRA 2021

The FIP Board members unanimously granted the provisional Patronage to IBRA 2021 Specialised World Stamp Exhibition to be held in Essen, Germany from May 6-9, 2021 and FIP Vice-President Reinaldo Macedo had been appointed the FIP Consultant for this exhibition.

NOTOS 2021

The FIP Board members unanimously granted Recognition to NOTOS 2021 exhibition to be held in Athens, Greece. FIP Vice-President Bernard Jimenez had been appointed the FIP Liaison Officer for this exhibition.

75th FIP CONGRESS

The Congress papers and files in CDs for the 75th FIP Congress had been sent out by registered mail to all member federations end of August and all completed inscription or proxy forms by member federations would have to be received by the FIP Secretariat before October 31, 2018.

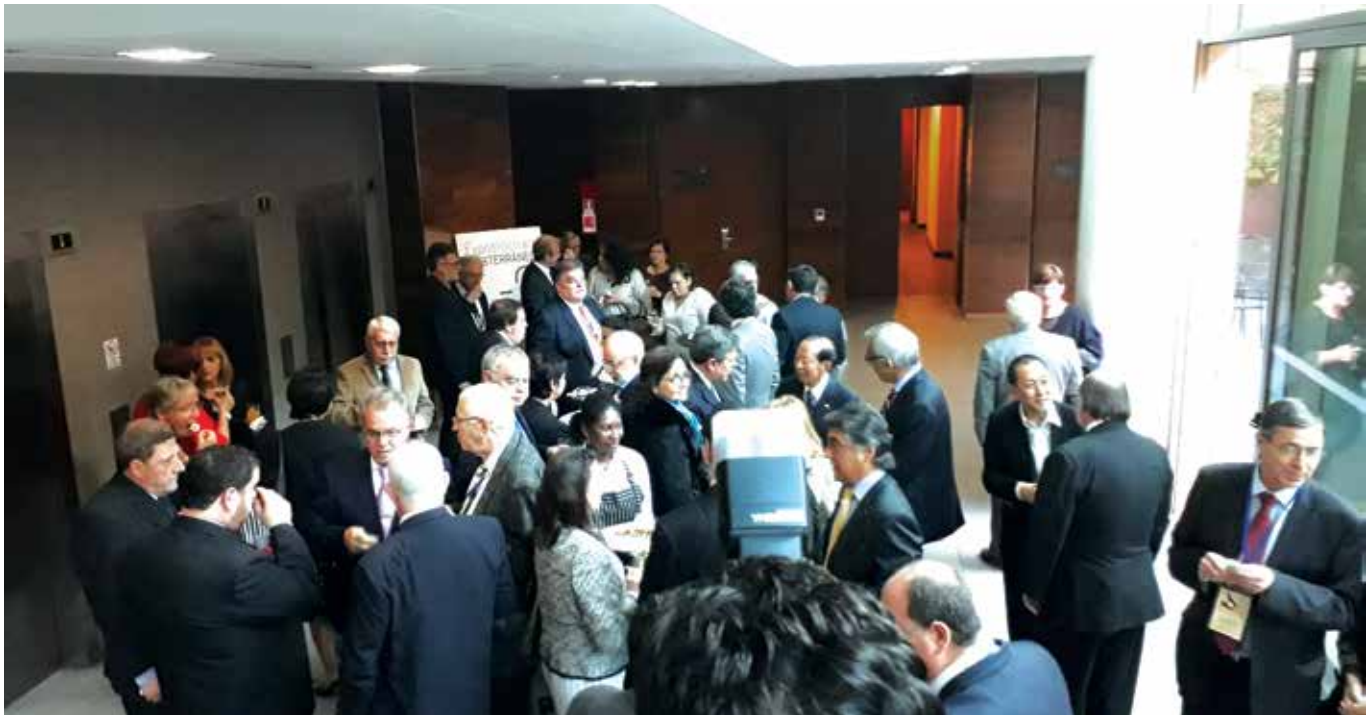
NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting would be held in Bangkok, Thailand, on November 27, 2018.

FIP Cocktail Reception for FIAF members on the evening of October 11, 2018 at Presidente Suites, Santiago, Chile

The FIP Board was very happy to be able to host a Cocktail Reception on the evening of October 11 for all the delegates of FIAF member federations who were present at EXFIL2018. A total of 50 invited guests from 17 countries attended the event and everyone had a great time interacting, getting to know one another and sharing about philately in their own countries. For many, it was a great start to many years of friendship ahead!

Mrs Canessa, President of Chilean Philatelic Federation Mr Patricio Canessa, FIP President Mr Tay, FIP Director Mr Yigal Nathaniel. (Photo courtesy of Chilean Philatelic Federation)



Invited delegates from FIAF member federations arriving at the Reception.

FIP Meeting with FIAF Delegates on October 13, 2018 at Vienna Room 1, Presidente Suites, Santiago, Chile

FIP President Mr Tay welcomed all the 29 delegates who attended the meeting and introduced the FIP Board members to everyone. He recalled fondly that FIP had visited San Francisco, Costa Rica, Quito in recent years and now Santiago, to forge closer relationships with FIAF member federations.

FIAF delegates present at the meeting with the FIP Board of Directors.

Mr Heinz Junge, Commissioner General for EXFIL2018 and representative for the Chilean Philatelic Federation, was invited to give a short speech. He thanked the FIP Board of Directors for making the trip to attend EXFIL2018. His Federation had come a long way in making the exhibition happen and he was very pleased that 18 countries came together to show their exhibits, all united with a common love for philately. His Federation hoped to work more closely with FIP in the future to arrange more regional exhibitions and he expressed his appreciation for the FIP sponsorship, which was the only sponsorship received for the entire exhibition.

FIP President Mr Tay congratulated Mr Junge on the successful exhibition and the magazines published by the Chilean Philatelic Federation.

The magazines of Bolivia and Costa Rica federations were also well published and provided a wealth of interesting contents. He encouraged that these publications be submitted as Literature exhibits in future FIP Exhibitions.

FIAF member federations were also encouraged to exhibit more Traditional and Postal History exhibits in the upcoming FIP exhibitions. He also encouraged FIAF jurors to register and participate actively for the upcoming FIP Jury Academy classes in 2019.

Mr Heinz Junge (right, standing) was invited to give a speech at the beginning of the meeting between the FIP Board of Directors and FIAF delegates.

Delegates of the member federations each took turns to introduce themselves and updated on the upcoming philatelic activities to be held by their respective federations, as well as some of the challenges that they faced, for example, some federations did not have enough frames to hold exhibitions. Mr Tay suggested that in such cases, the federations could consider borrowing frames from neighbouring counties. In the case of Singapore where storage costs were high, the national federation did not own many frames and would borrow frames from neighbouring countries and pay for the transportation and insurance costs for the shipping of the frames when they hold larger scale exhibitions, for example, most recently for SINGAPORE 2015 World Stamp Exhibition and the upcoming SINGPEX 2019 FIAP Asian International Stamp Exhibition.

FIP Vice-President Mr Bernard Beston expressed that he was very happy that there would be more upcoming national or regional exhibitions in South America, for example in Costa Rica and Ecuador, as these exhibitions would be important to improve the standards of exhibits and judging. Such smaller-scale exhibitions were more affordable to hold and would help organisers and delegates gain important experiences.

The FIP Board congratulated all FIAF members for working and cooperating closely with FIAF President Mr Luis Claudio Fritzen, who had put in a lot of efforts in uniting FIAF.

FIP Sponsorship Scheme for Regional Exhibitions 2019

For more details on how to qualify for the FIP Sponsorship Scheme, please refer to FLASH 125 or refer to *www.f-i-p.ch/wp-content/uploads/FIP-Sponsorship-for-Regional-Exhibitions.pdf*

Please be reminded that applications for 2019 will have to be submitted to the FIP Board via the FIP Secretariat at kelly@f-i-p.ch for consideration before December 31, 2018.

Astrophilately Section

The Bureau of the Section for Astrophilately, unanimously decided to bestow a "Life-Time Achievement" award upon Beatrice Bachmann for her work in establishing Astrophilately as a FIP Class and her tireless efforts in championing Astrophilately as Chairperson of the Section for over thirty years

Postal History Seminars Held in Prague on August 18, 2018

Commission Chairman Malcolm Groom opened the meeting at 10:30hr and welcomed the 75 attendees from 34 countries present at the meeting. Amongst them, many were Postal History exhibitors as well as qualified jurors for Postal History and other competitive classes.

Three Bureau members were present at the meeting namely, the Chairman Malcolm Groom, Secretary Andrew Cheung, Bureau member for FEPA region Bill Hedley, as well as invited members Dan Walker and Henrik Mouritsen.

FIP Vice-President Bernard Beston welcomed the delegates and observers and thanked the Commission Bureau members for their activity and work.

10.45 - 12:30 **(1) The Concept of Importance, (2) Constructive Feedback to Exhibitors** by Henrik Mouritsen

Speaker Henrik Mouritsen (right, standing).

14:30 - 15:00 **Postal History's Links with the Wider World - An Area For Expansion?** by Bill Hedley

15:00 - 15:30 **Postal History Class 2c** by Malcolm Groom

Speaker Bill Hedley.

Speaker Malcolm Groom.

Since the exhibition closed at 16:00hr, the One-frame Postal History seminar was not given due to insufficient time, instead, a guided tour of two Postal History Class 2c exhibits displayed at the exhibition was given. The intended agenda was also postponed until the next meeting at THAILAND 2018 in November 2018.

Andrew Cheung
Secretary, FIP Postal History Commission

Open Philately Seminar Held in Prague on August 18, 2018

Open Philately by Jenny Banfield (Photo courtesy of Veni Ferant).

Twenty-six people attended this seminar on "Open Philately Exhibiting – Treatment & Material". After welcoming them, there was a Powerpoint presentation on the Guidelines for exhibiting. This generated some very lively discussion – one of the topics was how do judges assess 'Importance' of the material in 'Open Philately' and the fact that Thematic Philately does not have 'Importance'. It is pleasing to see that this problem has been resolved by removal of 'Importance' from the judging criteria for Open.

Another hotly discussed topic was 'How do you calculate the percentage of non-philatelic material?' Mostly you can tell by standing back and viewing exhibit in the frames. If in doubt an easy way is to check how many 'half pages' are taken up with non-philatelic material - this is for the exhibit overall, not for each frame or each page. You do not count every item – one stamp is not equivalent to one large cover or document.

What material can you include in your exhibit? It should not offend the viewers – otherwise most items can be shown. The judges are looking for a wide variety of non-philatelic material. In my exhibit on 'Medicine – Its History & Development' I include newspaper cuttings, revenue stamps and documents, postcards, trade cards, cinderellas, cigarette cards, a cigarette and even a black rubber rat! I do not include anything on contraception as this may offend some people.

I put up several frames of my exhibit round the walls – this allowed people to assess the amount of philatelic vs. non-philatelic material and the wide variety of material used. The presentation also stressed the importance of having a story – and particularly a beginning and an end.

Always remember it is a philatelic class and a philatelic exhibit – so there must be philatelic variety and philatelic information with examples such as flaws, proofs, printing errors, booklets etc. Preferably include one or more philatelic studies e.g. different issues of the same image – South Africa 1941 nurse normal size, 'bantam' wartime issue, different languages, flaw.

It was great that so many people took part in the discussions on this increasingly popular class. Everyone attending was sent a copy of the presentation by email plus three non-attendees who requested it. I would like to thank PRAGA 2018 for the opportunity to promote Open Philately and also Birthe King and Norman for their help.

Jenny Banfield
Chair, FIP Maximaphily Commission

Updates to 75th FIP Congress Commissions' Meetings in Bangkok during THAILAND 2018 General World Stamp Exhibition November 28 – December 3, 2018

Date	Time	Meeting Room 1	Meeting Room 3	Meeting Room 4
Friday, Nov 30	1500-1700 H	**Postal Stationery Commission** **Seminar:** "How to build and develop your postal stationery exhibit" **Speaker:** Lars Engelbrecht & Ian McMahon	**Literature Commission** **General Seminar**	--
Friday, Nov 30	1700-1900 H	**Traditional Commission** No Seminar. Commissions meeting on new guidelines for Judging Traditional Philately Exhibits	**Youth Commission**	**Astrophilately Section**
Saturday, Dec 1	0900-1100 H	**Postal History Commission** **Seminar:** "Postal History Treatment" **Speaker:** Danforth Walker	**Maximaphily Commission** **Seminar:** "Exhibiting Maximaphily" **Speaker:** Jenny Banfield	**Aerophilately Commission** "Tips on how to increase your points score in Treatment, Knowledge and Research "
Saturday, Dec 1	1100-1300 H	**Thematic Commission** **Seminar:** "Judging Thematic Exhibits – Understand the Rules to Achieve Excellence" **Speaker:** Peter Suhadolc	**Fight Against Forgeries Commission**	**Revenue Commission** Introducing the new guidelines for the Revenue class **Speaker:** Ron Lesher **Seminar:** "Different approaches to exhibit revenues" **Speaker:** Ralph Ebner **Seminar:** "Unusual types of revenues" **Speaker:** Darryl Fuller
Saturday, Dec 1	1400-1600 H	**FIAP**	**FIAF**	**FEPA**

Note: All meeting rooms are located in the exhibition hall. Information is correct at time of print and may be subjected to further updates.

PRAGA 2018 SPECIALISED WORLD STAMP EXHIBITION

The PRAGA 2018 FIP Specialised World Stamp Exhibition, organized by the Union of Czech Philatelists, was held successfully at the Clarion Congress Hotel in Prague, Czech Republic from August 15- 18, 2018.

The Opening Ceremony and Welcome Dinner was held in the evening of August 14, 2018, at the impressive Art Nouveau building "Obecní dum" (Municipal House), where all the invited guests had agreat time. It was officiated by a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Second from left: Mr José Ramón Moreno, FEPA President; FIP President Mr Tay; Mr Roman Knap, CEO of Ceska Posta, General Partner of PRAGA 2018 and Mr Vit Vanicek, Chairman of the Organizing Committee of PRAGA 2018. (Photo courtesy of PRAGA 2018 Organising Committee)

There were 379 exhibits from 68 countries exhibited, totalling more than 1,500 exhibition frames. The Literature books were displayed and judged at the Postal Museum, where there was also a Youth Philatelic Program with activities like "wheel of fortune" and "scout selfie" for hundreds of children up to 16 years. It was heartening to see the daily queues of paid visitors waiting patiently to enter the exhibition hall to see the wonderful exhibits!

Daily long queues of stamp lovers entering the exhibition hall!

The exhibition area bustling with visitors. (Photo courtesy of PRAGA 2018 Organising Committee)

The international jury team worked hard throughout the judging days, as also at the Feedback Session held on August 18, 2018, to help exhibitors improve their exhibits.

FIP Director Mr Aldo Samamé y Samamé conducting feedback session with exhibitor.

PRAGA 2018 Commissioner General and Juror Mr Jiri Sedlak (second from left) with PRAGA 2018 Secretary General and Juror Mr Lubor Kunc (third from left) talking to exhibitors during the Feedback Session.

The 2018 FEPA Congress was also successfully held on August 19, 2018 at the Clarion Congress Hotel convened by FEPA President Mr José Ramón Moreno and attended by 38 out of 44 FEPA Member Federations.

FIP GRAND PRIX CLUB MEMBERS' DISPLAY

The 13 FIP Grand Prix exhibits displayed at the Court of Honour were:

Tay Peng Hian	Netherlands East Indies 1864
Michael Ho	China - The Small Dragon 1 Candarin 11 ½ Perforation
George Kramer	The World. The Invention of Wireless Telegraphy
James Peter Gough	Selected Proofs of the Series of 1861
Prakob Chirakiti	Unadopted Essay of the Third Siam Issue
Ding Jinsong	The 1897 Red Revenue Surcharges of China
Jean Voruz	An Unusual Route for Border Zone Mail from Sardinia to France
Louis Alemany	The only shipment registered letter to Puerto Rico 1851
Pablo A. Reim	Argentina Issue 1864/66 on Cover
Patricia Stilwell Walker	The iconic "Mermaid" design handstamp of Ireland
William Kwan	China – Small Souvenir Sheet 1962
Tan Ah Ee	India First Issue 1854 Used in the Straits Settlements
Walter Britz	Large Numeral Issue – Bi-sected Stamps on Cover
Joseph Hackmey	The French Post in the Holyland Jerusalem to Lyon 1852
Yigal Nathaniel	Japan- Earliest Inpression of 100 Mon Pos. 26

Mr František Beneš introducing the Court of Honour and Invited Exhibits to the media. (Photo courtesy of PRAGA 2018 Organising Committee)

FIP GRAND PRIX CLUB LUNCHEON

The FIP Grand Prix Club Luncheon was held on August 18, 2018 at the Clarion Congress Hotel.

FIP Grand Prix Club Luncheon attendees: f.l: Mr Joseph Hackmey, Mr Jiri Sedlak, Mr Chen Yu-An, Mr Kusuma Indra, Dr Prakob Chirakiti, Mr Kurt Kimmel, Mrs Indra, Mr Vit Vanicek, Mrs Kimmel, FIP President Mr Tay, Mr Walter Brtiz, Mr Santos Everaldo, Mr James Gough, Mr Yigal Nathaniel, Mr Danforth Walker, Mrs Patricia Stilwell Walker.

GRAND PRIX AWARDS

The Palmares dinner on August 18, 2018 was held at the magnificent Stella Hall of the National Palace at the Square of the Peace. A total of 38 Large Gold medals and 64 Gold medals were awarded in this exhibition.

There were four Grand Prix International candidates and the winner with the most votes, was Mr Joseph Hackmey (United Kingdom) for his exhibit "Classic Switzerland".

There were two Grand Prix National candidates and the winner was Mr Vit Vanicek (Czech Republic) for his exhibit "Postal History of Czech Lands (from the Beginning until 1867)".

Grand Prix National winner Mr Vit Vanicek (left) receiving his prize from the PRAGA 2018 Jury President Mr Eliahu Weber (right). (Photo courtesy of PRAGA 2018 Organising Committee)

Mr Joseph Hackmey (left) receiving his Grand Prix International prize "Crystal Vase", sponsored by FIP, from FIP President Mr Tay (right).

FIP SPONSORSHIP SCHEME

The two exhibitions that received FIP Sponsorship for 2018, as approved by the FIP Board, were announced personally by FIP President Mr Tay at the Palmares Night. They were:

i) **EXFIL2018** organised by the Chilean Philatelic Federation in Santiago, Chile from October 9-13, 2018

ii) **ALPE-JADRAN FILA 2018 VARAŽDIN** organised by the Croatian Federation of Philatelists in Varaždin, Croatia, from October 18-21, 2018.

The representative of each federation was invited on stage to receive the symbolic cheque of US$5,000:

Mr Walter Kaltwasser (left), PRAGA 2018 jury apprentice (Chile), received the symbolic cheque on behalf of his federation. (Photo courtesy of PRAGA 2018 Organising Committee)

Mr Ivan Librić (right), National Commissioner of Croatia for PRAGA 2018 and Commissioner General for ALPE-JADRAN FILA 2018, was congratulated by FIP President Mr Tay after receiving the symbolic cheque. (Photo courtesy of PRAGA 2018 Organising Committee)

Mr Vit Vanicek, Chairman of PRAGA 2018, received a FEPA Honorary Plate and Honorary Certificate from FEPA President Mr José Ramón Moreno for Union of Czech Philatelists' efforts for making the exhibition as great success.

FEPA President Mr José Ramón Moreno (right) presenting the FEPA Honorary Plate and Honorary Certificate to Mr Vit Vanicek. (Photo courtesy of PRAGA 2018 Organising Committee)

Transfer of the FIP flag from PRAGA 2018 to THAILAND 2018, f.l: Mr Jiri Sedlak, Mr Vit Vanicek, FIP President Mr Tay, Dr Prakob Chirakiti, Mr Sansern Nilrat and Mr Prakit Foongvanich. (Photo courtesy of PRAGA 2018 Organising Committee)

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EXFIL2018 FIAF CONTINENTAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITION

The EXFIL2018 FIAF Continental Philatelic Exhibition held from October 9-13, in Santiago de Chile. Eighteen countries, including special guests Spain and Australia, were represented by 107 exhibits and 19 Literature entries, filing 500 frames.

The Organizing Committee arranged for the Exhibition to be held at the Hotel Presidente Suites, where an underground level was appropriately set-up, secured, and lit for this event. Commissioners, Jurors, and many special guests were hosted and enjoyed a comfortable stay at this same hotel.

National Commissioners for EXFIL2018

Jury Team for EXFIL2018

Chilean collectors, and Authorities and philatelists from many countries attended the inaugural ceremony, held in the exhibition space. A full-color catalogue of the Exhibition was available. Correos Chile commemorated the event by presenting a newly-issued special stamp and souvenir sheet, followed by a welcome cocktail which was enjoyed by all.

Opening Ceremony of EXFIL2018 on October 9, 2018

While the Jury was hard at work, many guests enjoyed various activities including a one-day tour to Valparaíso and Viña del Mar. Members of the Royal Philatelic Society enjoyed a special reception at the Hotel Presidente Suites.

The Thematic Philately Commission hosted its third congress at the headquarters of the Sociedad Filatélica de Chile, featuring presentations from members from eight different countries. A highlight was the presentation of five new Postal Stationery catalogues of Spain. This interesting two-day congress was enjoyed by many visitors and Chilean collectors.

In an effort to work more closely with smaller countries' Federations and support Continental exhibitions, the FIP Board chose to hold their work session in Santiago, Chile, during EXFIL2018. In addition to hosting a social get-together, the FIP Board also invited the FIAF representatives to a specially-called work session. While attending the FIAF Continental Assembly, the FIP Board was able to share their interest in providing support and assistance to all countries to encourage better work in philately.

A special luncheon celebrating 50 years since the FIAF Continental Federation's foundation in 1968 was held at the hotel, as was the LII Assembly. Sixteen American Federations and Spain were represented, and part of the Board was re-elected or elected. Many Federations noted their interest for hosting Continental or multinational Exhibitions in coming years.

The Palmares was held in the dining-room of the hotel, with over 100 guests in attendance. FIP Board members, Jurors, Commissioners, and exhibitors from different countries enjoyed a nice evening with a special dinner, folkloric performance, printed Palmares, diplomas, medals, and jury-assigned Special Prizes.

Gran Premio Exposicion FIP Jarron de Cristal Nachtmann

FIP Grand Prize winner Mr Julio Cesar Ponce Lozada (Peru) receiving the prize from FIP Vice-President Bernard Jimenez

I'd like to express our thanks to all our guests, visitors, exhibitors, Commissioners, Jurors, and Authorities, who gave their time to come to Chile and contributed to make EXFIL2018 successful.

And finally, a special thanks to FIP Board, who thoughtfully and generously supported the development of philately in the small, distant county of Chile through their significant Sponsorship.

Many thanks to all of you,

Heinz Junge Wenzel
Commissioner General, **EXFIL2018**
Sociedad Filatélica de Chile
Federación de Sociedades Filatélicas de Chile - FESOFI-CHILE

ALPE-JADRAN FILA 2018

Exhibition venue

Speech by Mr Nenad Rogina, President of Croatian Federation of Philatelists, at the Opening Ceremony. (Photo Courtesy of Veni Ferant)

The Alpe-Jadran Fila 2018 Varaždin International Philatelic Exhibition under FEPA Recognition and FIP Sponsorship for Regional Exhibitions was held successfully from October 18-21, 2018, celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the issue of the first Croatian stamp.

This was the 23rd exhibition of the Working Group Alpe-Adria Philately. The exhibition was held at the beautiful Croatian National Theater of Varaždin, the Capital of Croatia.

Guests of the Opening Ceremony, FIP Vice-President Mr Beston seated third from left on the front row.(Photo Courtesy of Veni Ferant)

The beautiful exhibition hall. (Photo Courtesy of Veni Ferant)

Young philatelists queuing to visit the exhibition!

Outing for Jurors and Commissioners. (Photo Courtesy of Veni Ferant)

Updating on the newly elected Presidents of Member Federations

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Updating on the addresses of our Member Federations

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Union of Philatelists of Russia Wishes Happy 75th Birthday to Honorary President Mr Alexander Ilyushin

In 1992, Mr Alexander Ilyushin became the first President of the Union of Philatelists of Russia. He was in this post for 17 years. This year, he was awarded the title of Honorary President for his outstanding achievements in the development of national philately by the decision of the VII Congress of the Union of Philatelists of Russia.

Since 1988, he had been constantly working as a jury member and national Commissioner at FIP exhibitions. For a quarter of a century, he was a delegate of the Federation for 8 FIP Congresses.

His exhibits received numerous medals of the highest esteem at many world and international philatelic exhibitions. Under his leadership, the first World Philatelic Exhibition "Moscow 1997" was successfully held in Russia, and then the second - "St. Petersburg 2007". Alexander Ilyushin is currently a member of many foreign philatelic societies.

His world-level philatelic publications "Postal stationary and postal history", "The Collector" and catalogue "Postal Stationery of the Russian Empire" had influenced many.

The Union of Philatelists of Russia would like to thank Mr Alexander Ilyushin for his great leadership and contributions.

FIAF CONGRESS ON OCTOBER 13, 2018 AT SANTIAGO, CHILE

Durante la Exposición a EXFIL2018 realizada en Santiago de Chile, se llevo a cabo las elecciones de la Junta Directiva de la FIAF para los cargos de Presidente, Secretario, Tesorero, Segundo Consejero y Primer Fiscalizador.

Los resultados fueron los siguientes:

- Luis Claudio Fritzen como Presidente
- Oswaldo Navas como Secretario
- Alfonso Molina como Tesorero
- Miguel Casielles como Segundo Consejero
- Francisco Barone en el Primer Fiscalizador

During the EXFIL2018 exhibition held in Santiago, Chile, the elections of the Board of Directors of FIAF were held for the positions of President, Secretary, Treasurer, Second Counsellor and First Inspector.

The results were as follows:

- Luis Claudio Fritzen as President
- Oswaldo Navas as Secretary
- Alfonso Molina as Treasurer
- Miguel Casielles as Second Counsellor
- Francisco Barone in the First Inspector – Audit Committee

Attendees of the FIAF Congress. (Photo courtesy of Chilean Philatelic Federation)

FIP President Mr Tay (standing) was invited to give a short speech at the Opening of the Congress, on his left Mr Luis Claudio Fritzen, FIAF President; on his right Mr Heinz Junge, Commissioner General EXFIL2018. (Photo courtesy of Chilean Philatelic Federation)

The FIAF Board at work.
f.l: Mr Fabrice Fouchard (SP&M); Mr Heinz Junge (Chile); Mr David McLaughlin (Canada); Mr Alfonso Molina (Costa Rica); Mr Juan Pablo Aguilar (Ecuador); FIAF President Mr Luis Fritzen (Brazil) and Mr José Raúl Lorenzo (Cuba).
(Photo courtesy of Chilean Philatelic Federation)

The current Executive Board of FIAF consists of:

President	Luis Claudio Fritzen (Brazil)
Vice-President	Yamil Kouri (USA)
Secretary	Oswaldo Navas (Ecuador)
Treasurer	Alfonso Molina (Costa Rica)
First Counsellor	Heinz Junge (Chile)
Second Counsellor	Miguel Casielles (Argentina)
Third Counsellor	José Raúl Lorenzo (Cuba)

Supervisory Body:

First Inspector	Francisco Barone (Uruguay)
Second Inspector	Fabrice Fouchard (St Pierre)

In 2020 a new election will be made for the positions of Vice-President, First and Third Counsellor as well as the Audit Committee.

The next FIAF Congress will take place in Buenos Aires, Argentina in August 2019

FIAP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 8 MARCH 2018 DUBAI, UAE

The FIAP Executive Committee Meeting was held on 8 March 2018 in Dubai, UAE under the kind arrangement of FIAP member federation – Emirates Philatelic Association. During the stay in Dubai, the FIAP Executive Committee Members visited the EPAEX 2018 Exhibition at Dragon Mart 2, Etihad Museum and attending the Palmares of EPAEX 2018 at the desert safari.

Palmares dinner at desert safari.

All members also attended the philatelic seminars namely "Introducing to Picture Post Card" by Mr Glen Stafford and Mr Gary Brown, "Postal History Seminar" by Mr Norman Banfield and "Guidelines for the Commissioner" by Mr Tay Peng Hian.

Highlights of the FIAP Executive Committee Meeting:

- A minute of silence was carried out in memoriam of the late Mr Lim Sa Bee, FIAP Honorary Treasurer, who passed away on 27 December 2017
- Mr Wong Chee Keong was proposed and approved unanimously to replace the late Mr Lim Sa Bee as Honorary Treasurer of FIAP
- Mr Michael Ho was proposed and approved unanimously to replace the late Mr Lim Sa Bee as Secretary of FIAP Expert Committee
- Modern Philately exhibits receiving Large Vermeil at FIAP/FIP exhibitions could be exhibited at 8 frames in the future exhibitions
- Picture Postcard Experimental Class would be displayed at NEW ZEALAND 2020 and MELBOURNE 2021 and most probably also at SINGAPORE 2019.
- In view of not all FIAP member federations would host a national exhibition yearly and in order to make it possible for exhibitor to participate at the FIAP or FIP exhibitions with pre-requisition, exhibitor under the member federations of FIAP could participate at other FIAP member federation's national exhibition, subject to the approval and acceptance of the said member federation who is hosting the national exhibition. The exhibit is to be carried to the exhibition hall by the exhibitor or his representative personally and all expenses are to be incurred by the exhibitor
- President Chirakiti proposed that FIAP would sponsor the special prize for the Grand Prix d'honneur award at all future FIAP exhibitions starting from MACAO 2018 and the amount not exceeding Singapore dollars $500. This was agreed unanimously
- The next FIAP Meeting will be held on 1 December 2018 in Bangkok, Thailand

Ms Jasmine Soh
FIAP Secretariat

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The Auction will be held at the auction hall of Auktionshaus H.D. Rauch GmbH in Vienna, Habsburgergasse 1, Stiege 2, 1. floor

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The Agreement Signing Ceremony for CHINA 2019 between FIP President Mr. Tay Peng Hian (right) and ACPF Vice-President Mr. Zhang Yuhu (left). (1 November 2018, Wuhan, China)